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FOR EA/ANP

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OEXC, SWEL, XF, AS

SUBJ: WASHINGTON SCHEDULE OF MINISTER HAYDEN,  
FEBRUARY 12-13.

REF: CANBERRA 0406

1. CHARGE CALLED ON SOCIAL SECURITY MINISTER HAYDEN  
JAN 24 TO DISCUSS MINISTER'S UP-COMING TRIP (REFTEL),  
WHICH WILL INCLUDE STOPS IN CAIRO, SALZBURG, (WHERE  
HE WILL REPRESENT AUSTRALIA AT CLUB OF ROME MEETING),  
LONDON, CANADA AND U.S. HAYDEN EXPRESSED INTENSE  
INTEREST IN PRESENT MIDDLE EAST SITUATION AND HISTORICAL  
ROOTS OF ARAB-ISRAELI CONFRONTATION WHICH HE HAS BEEN  
STUDYING IN DEPTH, POSSIBLY AT REQUEST OF PRIME MINISTER  
WHITLAM. HAYDEN ALSO OBSERVED THAT HIS PRESENT FEB. 12-13  
WASHINGTON SCHEDULE, PREPARED BY AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY,  
IS TOO HEAVILY LOADED WITH "HEALTH ECONOMISTS", WHOSE  
VIEWS HE ALREADY KNOWS WELL. HE EXPRESSED WISH TO  
CHANGE SCHEDULE TO COVER TOPICS SUCH AS WELFARE REFORM  
AND NEGATIVE INCOME TAX SCHEMES AS WELL AS MIDDLE EAST  
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SITUATION.

2. EMBASSY COMMENT: HAYDEN IS LABOR PARTY'S MOST IMPRESSIVE, INTELLIGENT AND DYNAMIC YOUNG MINISTER, WHO IS WELL DISPOSED TOWARD U.S. HE IS WIDELY EXPECTED TO BECOME NEXT GOA TREASURER, WHEN AND IF CREAN STEPS DOWN, AND IS FRONT-RUNNER AS FUTURE ALP PRIME MINISTER. WHITLAM'S "EVENHANDED" APPROACH TO ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT PROMISES TO BECOME MAJOR ISSUE WITHIN ALP AS ACTU PRESIDENT HAWKE, OUTSPOKENLY PRO-ISRAEL, IS PLANNING IMPORTANT JAN 26 SPEECH CRITICIZING WHITLAM'S MID EAST STANCE (REPORTED SEPTTEL). MOREOVER, HAYDEN'S INTERESTS ARE FAR MORE WIDE-RANGING THAN HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS HIS PRESENT PORTFOLIO ENCOMPASSES.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT EA/ANP DISCREETLY ADVISE AUST EMBASSY OF HAYDEN'S INTEREST IN ALTERING PRESENT WASHINGTON SCHEDULE TO INCLUDE DISCUSSIONS OF MIDDLE EAST AND WELFARE ISSUES. IF POSSIBLE, DEPARTMENT MIGHT ARRANGE FOR HAYDEN TO MEET WITH UNDER SECRETARY-DESIGNATE SISCO, NEA ASSISTANT SECRETARY-DESIGNATE ATHERTON OR OTHER SENIOR DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL ON MIDDLE EAST AS WELL AS KNOWLEDGEABLE AUTHORITIES ON WELFARE AT BROOKINGS INSTITUTION OR ELSEWHERE.  
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